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The Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable Malcolm Baldrige
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mac:

I note that you intend to proceed with commercialization of U.S. civil land or weather satellite systems as soon as possible. While I endorse expanded private sector investment and involvement in civil space activities, I cannot fully concur in this initiative until satisfied that our national security concerns are accommodated. Basically, we must assure that U.S. security components will continue to benefit from U.S. civil land or weather satellite systems while being able to deny their data to our adversaries.

Frank Carlucci has listed a number of more specific concerns in a letter to you dated 15 December 1982. I share those concerns and ask that they be given explicit attention in the interagency efforts in preparation for the transfer process. Such matters, of course, will affect the financial calculations.

I am pleased to note you have established an interagency process to handle matters such as this. The Intelligence Community will be happy to participate in that process.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

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